INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES

March 3 2021 / 7:00 PM / Webex

ATTENDEES
MIS Seniors, Members and Eboard

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up
- Meeting with PwC

New Business

NOTES
- Julia Moody
  - Switched from Accounting Junior Year
    - PwC
- Andrew Taylor
  - Started as an MIS major
    - Optum
- Jenna Mulett
  - Switched sophomore year from Marketing
    - Cigna

- Which classes did you find to be the most beneficial in your time at UConn?
  - Andrew
    - CS minor Classes, Web Dev Class in OPIM
- Do you have a minor? If so, what is it and how has it added to your experience as an MIS major?
  - Helped with MIS major minor like CS, GIS, Analytics
  - Analytics minor allows you to choose many OPIM electives
- Are there any skills you’ve obtained outside of class? Why are they important and how did you obtain them?
  - SoftSkills in IMA, Communication Skills,
  - Case Competition Class which is only offered as independent study, helped with teamwork, analytical skills and presentation skills
  - Participating in MIS case competitions
If you had to give a fellow MIS major one piece of advice what would it be?
○ Get involvement in IMA, MIS case competitions that help meet people in MIS major

What steps did you take to obtain a full-time position in the tech industry?
○ Julia: Cancelled internship, spent a lot of time networking with recruiters, following up, informing about applications
○ Andrew: Made a good impression in an internship and was asked to stay

What are some prep tips you recommend specifically for MIS interviews?
○ Talk to Cathy Hendrinkson at the Business Career Development Office
○ If you have technical interviews, explaining your reasoning and solution
○ Regular interviews: give examples of work you have done outside and inside the class
○ Use all valuable experiences you had in college
○ Get to know your interviewer because likability is key, they appreciate it and want to associate you with a person not just as an applicant
○ Talk about IMA to your recruiters because they might be Alumni of UConn or even IMA

What are some companies you would recommend to apply to as an MIS major?
○ Burns and McDonnel
○ Deloitte
○ PwC
○ Cigna
○ Optum
○ Travelers
○ Rotational programs are a good place to start

What advice do you have to give to non-MIS majors?
○ Don’t be afraid to try new things, take action
○ Take a variety of classes
○ Get involved with your major, join clubs related to your majors

Do you have any regrets regarding your major, minor, internships. Is there something you wish you did better or differently.
○ Julia: Started with MIS from freshmen year, get any internship to get familiar with the workforce
○ Jenna: GPA is not a big indicator of what kind of job you can get. Making sure you can apply your studies vs just getting grades

What are the hardest and easiest classes you took at UConn?
○ Easy
  ■ OPIM3104
  ■ LING1010
  ■ ANTH1000
  ■ ECON1201
○ Hard
  ■ OPIM3222
  ■ Case Competition Class
  ■ CS minor classes

Who are some staff in the school of business you recommend people go to for guidance, whether professional or personal?
○ Kathy Hendrinkson
○ Jon Moore

What’s something you wish you knew early on in your MIS studies?
○ Put time into coding because you can do it if you just put time and your brain into it
○ Not as technical as expected with the first classes being Excel and Access
- Use google for programming
- Did you participate in the OPIM Innovate workshops and tech kits? How beneficial were they to acquiring skills?
  - Andrew: CTO for IMA run Lab Hours
    - Good way to introduce yourself into a new technology
- How important would you say IMA meetings are for underclass MIS majors?
  - Very beneficial when it comes to recruitment at big companies
  - Networking with MIS peers
- What is a job in data analytics like? What does a data analyst do?
  - Looking at the business problem
  - OPIM3221 can help you understand the role
- What should I be doing now to better myself for a job in data analytics?
  - Analytics Minor
  - Python
- How did it feel like starting your first internship, was it scary?
  - Felt like a classroom project
  - An adjustment to waking up early
  - Not that scary
- What resources/organizations on/off campus have allowed you to exercise analytical skills?
  - OPIM Innovate
  - MIS Case Competition
  - UConntact

ACTION ITEMS

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NEXT WEEK’S AGENDA

- OPIM Innovate R Demo